

Appl. No. 10/727,872
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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

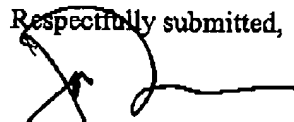
Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 35-39, 41-53 and 55-62 stand as rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,162. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith disclaiming any term that extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,162. Since the filing of the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double-patenting rejections, it is respectfully believed that Claims 1-6 and 35-62 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the disclaimer is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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